

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE**

THE PINES CHURCH and MATT
GIOIA

Plaintiffs

V.

HERMON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Defendant

[illegible]

Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-00214-LEW

HERMON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT'S MOTION FOR PROTECTION FROM TRIAL

This case is on the January 2025 civil trial list with jury selection scheduled for January 8 and 9. Defendant Hermon School Department moves for protection from trial on January 15, 2025. The reason for this request is that the undersigned counsel for Defendant is scheduled to serve as counsel for the Portland School Department in a teacher dismissal hearing conducted pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 13303 on the evening of January 15, 2025. This is a public hearing, the scheduling of which has been difficult and it would be prejudicial to the School Department and the employee if it could not go forward.

Defendant requests protection from trial as requested herein.

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